

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/507,062

Examiner

Jonathan Ouellette

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/13/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 2, 8-10, 21-32 and 34-40.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview John Veschi on 10/16/2007.
3. The application has been amended as follows:
4. Claim 9, line 8, add "in substantially real-time" after therewith.

Response to Amendment

5. Claims 1, 2, 8-10, 21-32, 34-40 are currently pending in application 09/507,062.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 1, 2, 8-10, 21-32, 34-40 are allowed.
7. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
8. As per independent Claims 9, 23, 37, and 40, generally the prior art does not teach or suggest a method/system for resolving a dispute, wherein a third-party is involved (input/interaction) in resolving the dispute in real-time via an on-line connection.

9. **NevadaBusiness.com ("NevadaBusiness.com to Host Online Mayoral Debate."**

Business Wire April 26, 1999) teaches a method (system) of resolving a dispute, comprising: (a) at least one of a plurality of parties to the dispute (Mayoral Candidates) providing, via an on-line connection (online debate), an input relating to the dispute (answers to questions, spontaneous and pre-set); (b) interaction involving at least one of the parties to the dispute (Questions relayed to candidates, in online Chat format), and (c) interaction, occurring in substantially real-time, between a third party and at least one of the plurality of parties to the dispute (Las Vegas Public asks questions directed towards Mayoral Candidates in Chat (RTC) format).

10. However, NevadaBusiness.com fails to teach or suggest *wherein the dispute is resolved in real-time, based on third-party input and interaction.*

11. **Sloo (US 5,895,450)** teaches a method/system for resolving a dispute, wherein a judge and juror (third-party) are pre-qualified to assist users in resolving a dispute via an online connection (C8 L5-18).

12. However, Sloo fails to disclose wherein the *dispute is resolved in real-time via and online connection.*

13. Furthermore, a combination of NevadaBusiness.com and Sloo fails to overcome all the deficiencies of the prior art considered separately.

14. The remaining dependent Claims 1, 2, 8, 10, 21, 22, 24-32, 34-36, 38, and 39 are considered allowable, as they are dependent on an allowable independent claim.

15. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany

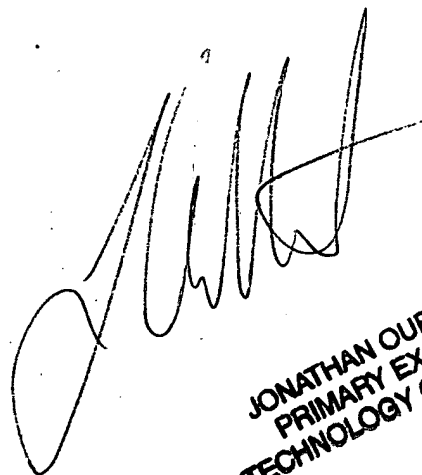
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the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

16. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jonathan Ouellette whose telephone number is (571) 272-6807. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 8am - 5:00pm.
17. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (571) 272-6812. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned (571) 273-8300 for all official communications.
18. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Office of Initial Patent Examination whose telephone number is (703) 308-1202.

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